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Did you know the law requires you to report your income changes to Basic Health?

The premium amount you pay each month for your health care is only a small portion of the actual cost of your coverage. The state of Washington pays the rest. That is why it is important for you to report changes in your income or family size to Basic Health.

Because we are using funds from the state of Washington, we must verify that the income figures you have given us are correct. Basic Health may compare your income with information on file with other state or federal agencies. If the figures you provide us are not correct, and have caused the state to pay a larger share for your medical coverage than you were supposed to receive, Basic Health is required to recover the overpaid amount from you. This can result in you having to pay a large amount of money back to the state. In some cases, the law allows Basic Health to collect a penalty of up to twice the amount

due for past premiums. Failure to repay this money will result in you losing your medical coverage, and having the case turned over to a collection agency.

What is your responsibility?

The new scale for income guidelines appears on the back of this page. If your income or family experiences a change (such as a marriage), which causes you to move into a different income band, you must let Basic Health know. More information on this process can be found on the back page. To report an income change, call toll-free at 1-800-660-9840, go to our Web site at http://www.wa.gov/hca/basichealth/forms.htm and either download a form, or request that one be sent to your home.

The forms are also available from the back of your *Member Handbook*.

You are also responsible to respond to any questions Basic Health asks about your income. If you receive a letter that says we are reviewing your income information, and have found conflicting information in our comparisons with other agencies, please respond right away with the information we ask you to send. These requests are time sensitive and failure to respond will result in you being disenrolled. If you have not paid us enough for your medical care, the amount you underpaid will be added to your monthly premiums for the number of months that the underpayments occurred.

To better serve you, we have expanded our call center hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
1-800-660-9840

This serves as official notice of changes to your Basic Health coverage, and is an addendum to your *Member Handbook*.

To obtain this document in another format (such as Braille or audio), call our Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at 360-923-2805. TTY users (deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired), call 360-923-2701 or toll-free 1-888-923-5622.



Si desea ayuda en español, llame al 1-800-321-0291. Для обслуживания на русском языке, позвоните, пожалуйста, по телефону 1-800-387-8224. 한국어로 도움을 원하시면 1-800-324-1658로 연락하십시오. Nếu quý vị muốn được giúp bằng tiếng Việt, xin gọi số 1-800-423-2231.

New income guidelines take effect in July billing statement

Every spring, the federal government publishes new federal income guidelines that are the basis for determining Basic Health monthly premiums. Basic Health uses these guidelines when determining eligibility and your share of the monthly cost for Basic Health coverage.

As a result of this new scale, you may be able to earn slightly more

income before you have to report an income change. For some families, the revised income guidelines mean a lower monthly premium. Your enclosed billing statement for July coverage may show a different premium if your reported income now falls into a lower income band.

If your income or family size changes at any time, and affects the income band you fall within, you must let Basic Health know. Each month, the income we have on record for you is shown on your billing statement. Be sure to check that information, and compare it to the income guidelines shown below to determine if you need to report an income change.

Income Table Number of Persons in Family Income **Band** 1 2 3 5 7 4 6 \$0 -**\$0** -\$0 -\$0 -**\$0** -\$0 -**\$0** -A \$479.91 \$646.74 \$813.58 \$980.41 \$1,147.24 \$1,314.08 \$1,480.91 **Gross Monthly Income** 479.92 -646.75 -813.59 -980.42 -1.147.25 -1.314.09 -1.480.92 -R 738.33 994.99 1,251.66 1,508.33 1,764.99 2,021.66 2,278.33 738.34 -995.00 -1,251.67 -1,508.34 -1,765.00 -2,021.67 -2,278.34 -C 922.91 1,243.74 1,564.58 1,885.41 2,206.24 2,527.08 2,847.91 922.92 -1.243.75 -1.564.59 -1.885.42 -2.206.25 -2.527.09 -2.847.92 n 3,189.66 1,392.99 2,470.99 1,033.66 1,752.33 2,111.66 2,830.33 1.033.67 -1,393.00 -1,752.34 -2,111.67 -2,471.00 -2.830.34 -3,189.67 -F 1,144.41 1,542.24 1,940.08 2,337.91 2,735.74 3,133.58 3,531.41 1,144.42 -1,542.25 -1,940.09 -2,337.92 -2,735.75 -3,133.59 -3,531.42 -F 1,255.16 1,691.49 2,127.83 2,564.16 3,000.49 3,436.83 3,873.16 1.255.17 -1.691.50 -2.127.84 -2,564.17 -3.000.50 -3.436.84 -3.873.17 -G 1,365.91 3,740.08 1,840.74 2,315.58 2,790.41 3,265.24 4,214.91 1,365.92 -1,840.75 -2,315.59 -2,790.42 -3,265.25 -3,740.09 -4,214.92 -Н 1,476.74 1,990.09 2,503.45 3,016.81 3,530.17 4,043.53 4,556.89